
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

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Item No.	Title
6	2023/24 General Fund Budget Monitoring Report - Month 7 - End of October 2023
	<p>DECISION</p> <p>Following consideration of the officer report, appendices and discussion, the Executive noted:</p> <p>a. The forecast overspend of £18.3m (3.7%) for the year and the recovery action being taken and mitigations put in place to address this.</p> <p>b. The next report to be received by the Executive on Revenue Budget Monitoring will be the Month Nine report in February 2024.</p> <p>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:</p> <p>REASON FOR DECISION:</p>
7	2024/25 Budget and Somerset Council Vision update
	<p>DECISION</p> <p>Following consideration of the officer report, appendices and</p>

	<p>discussion, the Executive:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Recognised that Council Tax in Somerset is low compared to other similar councils due to historical factors and formally requests from DLUHC the option of allowing an increase in Council Tax by an additional 5%, 9.99% in total, to £1,810.48 for the Somerset Council proportion of a Band D charge in order to set the 2024/25 budget. b. To consult the Corporate & Resources Scrutiny Committee on the latest 2024/25 budget proposals including the savings proposals and Council Tax increases at their meeting on 01 February 2024 and receive their feedback at the next Executive meeting on 07 February 2024. c. To receive the business case for the creation of a sustainable Somerset Council through 're-sizing' of the council and creating a sustainable workforce transformation programme, including the estimated costs and saving from this at the next Executive meeting on 07 February 2024. d. Noted that the Section 25 Statement from the Section 151 Officer on the robustness of the budget proposals and adequacy of reserves will be a separate report to the 20 February 2024 Council. <p>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:</p> <p>REASON FOR DECISION:</p>
8	Asset and Service Devolution Framework
	<p>DECISION</p> <p>Following consideration of the officer report, appendices and discussion, the Executive:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Considered the overall approach to devolution set out in the report which reflects the draft Asset and Service Devolution Framework.

	<p>b. Agreed to adopt the draft Asset and Service Devolution Framework.</p> <p>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:</p> <p>REASON FOR DECISION:</p>
9	Sign off of Equality Objectives and Action Plan from EFLG Peer Challenge
	<p>DECISION</p> <p>Following consideration of the officer report, appendices and discussion, the Executive agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Action Plan in response to the LGA Peer Challenge Report. b. The 4 Equality Objectives that will take effect from April 2024, noting that further work will need to be undertaken to develop the actions to deliver the objectives from April 2024 and that a further report will be made to Executive when the actions have been developed and agreed by relevant services. c. To note the progress that has been made on the Race Audit. d. To note that the Disability Confident Leader assessment will be completed by the end of January 2024 with external validation being completed by April 2024. <p>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:</p> <p>REASON FOR DECISION:</p>
10	Somerset Strategic Migration Board
	DECISION

	<p>Following consideration of the officer report, appendices and discussion, the Executive agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The establishment of the Somerset Strategic Migration Board as a strategic internal partnership body with member representation and endorsed the Terms of Reference. b. To delegate to the Monitoring Officer to confirm the 2nd Member to sit on this Board, and to include this in the next outside bodies, internal and external report. c. To nominate Cllr Fran Smith, Associate Lead Member for Adult Social Care and Housing, to fulfil the role of Chair. <p>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:</p> <p>REASON FOR DECISION:</p>
11	Decision to award contracts for Early Help and Prevention Services in Somerset
	<p>DECISION</p> <p>Following consideration of the officer report, appendices and discussion, the Executive:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Approved the outcome of the procurement process to award a contract to the supplier named in Tender Evaluation Report Confidential Appendix B to provide the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lot 1 – Connector/Navigator Service – The contract will be for a four-year period with the opportunity for extensions. Lot 2 – Somerset Carers Support Service. This contract is jointly commissioned with NHS Somerset. The contract will be for a four-year period with the opportunity for extensions. b. Agreed to grant a delegation to the Executive Director for

Adult Services in consultation with the Lead Member for Adult Services to agree annual extensions to the initial 4-year contract up to a maximum of 4 further years.

- c. Agreed the case for applying the exempt information provision as set out in the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A and therefore to treat the attached confidential Appendix B in confidence, as it contains commercially sensitive information, and as the case for the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing that information.**

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

REASON FOR DECISION: